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by Sandy Gerli <angerli@esslink.com>
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by Heinz und Hannelore Breuer <hbreuer@primus-online.de>

From: "Tom Bridgers" <tarheel6@email.msn.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Fair Radio and Rick Mish
Date: Thu, 25 Feb 1999 22:50:00 -0500
Message-ID: <092143546031a29CPIMSSMTPU01@email.msn.com>

Made a coupla telephone calls today and thought you all would be interested in what I found out:

- o Demise of R-390A's at Fair is greatly exaggerated!

Since it turns out that I am going to have an opportunity to visit mecca in early April, I wanted to find out if there would be any R-390A's to see at Fair Radio Sales. Yes indeed, says Phil. Over 100 St Julien's R-390A's are coming in this week. He bought them from a guy who was the original bidder but who wasn't going to be able to sell them or fix them up. Good news...

And since I'd heard word to the contrary, I also asked if he'd let me roam around and look at all the stuff they have in the back storage areas. He was a little hesitant about that ... but said he'd consider it.

- o Rick Mish...

In addition to his full restoration work, Rick is now willing to repair modules, and to do "economy" fix-up and alignment work on R-390A's. Since I have a few IF modules and RF decks that have stumped me, this was also very good news. His approach and prices seemed reasonable, and he repairs other BA equipment too. He can be reached at 1-419- 255-6220 .

-tom KE4RHH

Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Sandy W5TVW <ebjr@worldnet.att.net>

Subject: RE: Regen radiation
Message-Id: <19990226043215.GPDP16078@LOCALNAME>
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 04:32:15 +0000

At 06:26 PM 2/25/99 -0500, you wrote:

. The receiver I described in September 1992 QST, which uses a 6GH8A
>pentode RF amp ahead of its 6GH8A pentode Hartley detector, radiates -83 dBm
>(5 pW) -- a very low power. And that's with no special attention paid to
>interstage shielding aside from heater-line bypassing.

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73,

Sandy W5TVW

From: Kargokult@aol.com
Message-ID: <f921cfc2.36d63268@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 00:34:32 EST
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0

Subject: Re: Regen building
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
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many years ago i built a 1-bulb regen from a circuit in that finest of radiobuilder magazines, Radio-TV Experimenter. the circuit used a 1L4 in a "space charge circuit", i.e. with B+ to first grid to encourage electron flow at low B+ (22 jolts) and signal to grid 2. This was the article on the "5 way radio" where you built the thing on a small piece of clear plexiglass and used trimmer caps for tuning. unfortunately it no workee, and i felt pretty defeated. *many* years later, reminiscing over the article, i saw that it called for a gridleak r of 18 megohm. that sure looks like a misprint to me, and it's probably why it didn't work. they probably wanted 1.8 meg. (circuit is not a super regen with the B+ to the signal grid thru a very high r). i never saw any correction printed in a later copy, RTVE never saw the importance in that, if you were that curious, you could seek out on your own, some local radio expert. i've been saving up parts for a rematch. one rule is they have to be shiny or colorful, as well as the right values. for example, the old postage stamp micas with dot color code. hue ka7lxy

From: AviDov@aol.com
Message-ID: <c70d804d.36d641b8@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 01:39:52 EST
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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In case you lost my EM address,I'd like to read your update soon. Tnx 73

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19990225233403.025c58f0@earthlink.net>
Date: Thu, 25 Feb 1999 23:34:03 -0800
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Jim Hill <jshillw6ivw@earthlink.net>
Subject: RE: Regen radiation

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Here's another example of correct wiring. I needed to remove the Velvet Vernier dial from my dry battery operated SW-3 to clean and lube it. I needed to remove the RF gain control to do so, and took the opportunity to remove the rear cover, clean, and use a little De-Ox in hopes of eliminating some pot noise. It was necessary to disturb some of the wiring (I don't consider the SW-3 to be very user-friendly from a mechanical disassembly sense).

When I buttoned everything up and tried it out, it went blip as it went into oscillation. Regeneration was smooth before, so I set the regeneration to just before and just after oscillation and starting moving wires using a fiber rod. Sure enough, moving one wire made a difference. I had to move it away from the chassis. I was short of time, and finally dressed it across the top of a bathtub capacitor so it wouldn't move.

The wire had not been put in the shortest route originally; it took a circuitous path, and was adjacent to other wires. I really wonder if the electrical designer did considerable experimenting and stopped when regeneration was smooth.

If course, I was lucky. Regeneration had worked fine a little while earlier, and I had been careful to disturb things as little as possible. It's a different story when you start from scratch.
73's Jim

Sandy said:

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>Sandy W5TVW
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Message-ID: <007d01be618c\$71dedfe0\$a20adfd0@kingwoodcable.com>
From: k5jv@von1.com (Lon W. Cottingham)
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: manual for 51J4
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 07:32:23 -0600
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="Windows-1252"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Pentti and all,

Two or three years ago when I was restoring a batch of FAA 51J4's, I made several good GBC bound copies of the manual. As I recall, I sent out six manuals with receivers. I think I printed 10 or 12 manuals. What ever is left is still sealed in large Manila envelopes ready for shipment. \$20, including shipping in USA. I may have some Viking II manuals copies also.

73 de Lon Cottingham, K5JV

Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 09:19:28 -0500 (EST)
From: "Roberta J. Barmore" <rbarmore@indy.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Headphone repair parts, numbers & prices
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.96.990226084531.7584A-1000000@indy2>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi!

Here's the info on PhoneCo parts:

2 conductor tinsel cord, #2092, \$0.50/ft.

Brown in color, US-made. If you really think you'd like 1000 ft., they'll sell it to you for \$450, a savings of a nickel a foot. :)

"Toothy" lugs: under 100, #LUG8, \$0.10 @
in lots of 100, #LUG5, \$0.08 @

These are captive lugs, not spades, and the hole in them is of an odd shape, like a horizontally-elongated capital "D" with the round end pointing back to the part that gets crimped; this allows you to clip off the end and make 'em into spades if needed. They work fine as captive lugs, and fit #6 screws well. Would have to be reamed a bit to clear a #8. They come in a kind of chain, head of one hooked to the tail of the next, but separate easily with diagonal cutters. Stamped "AMP" on the back, and as Amp is in the lug, etc. business, that's probably the maker.

Phone tips, #PIN, \$0.50 @

Decent phone tips, seem to be turned rather than drawn. Outside is nickel-plated, inside appears bare brass which solders easier. The smaller-diameter portion is *solid" and the ends have a shallow point (perhaps 30 degrees) rather than a hemisphere.

They also have three different types of crimp-around restraint for the cloth-covered cable, of which RESTC might be most useful, a kind of a "hook" lug that can be held under a #6 screw. All of 'em are \$0.25 @.

PhoneCo: Phone (608) 582-4124, Fax (608) 582-4593, web page
<http://www.phonecoinc.com> email PHONECOINC@AOL.COM and plain mail
19813 East Mill Road
P.O. Box 70
Galesville, WI 54630.

Ask for a catalog when you order, they're handier than you might think--there are a lot of phone-type parts in the really early gear, especially carbon mics and the various mounting arms for 'em. Not to mention that the proper telephone really dresses up a "period" hamshack!

73,
--Bobbi

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FISTS #3388 * G-QRP #10001 * ARRL * RSGB * WIA
Appreciator Of Vacuum-Tube Ham Gear and Vintage Keys

Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 09:23:27 -0500 (EST)
From: "Roberta J. Barmore" <rbarmore@indy.net>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Headphone repair parts, small correction
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.3.96.990226092217.7584C-100000@indy2>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Oops! The two-conductor tinsel cord is #H2092; can't forget the H, though they'd probably figure it out.

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Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 10:23:03 -0500 (EST)
From: cswiger <cswiger@wilma.widomaker.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: B&W 5100A available
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.3.96.990226101727.29088A-100000@wilma.widomaker.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

>marking for this switch on the front panel. Also, appears to be an 80M
>FT243 xtal plugged into the copper plated box behind the vfo. I'd also
>guess the SSB adaptor plugs into what appears to be an 11 pin 'octal'

Every one of your guesses is right on the mark. Works fb w/o the ssb
adapter on CW and AM - the xtal is a nice bonus, should be a switch
on same box marked VFO/XTAL, for xtal control, 80M xtals only
(multiplier is on back of the PA for 40, 20, etc).

Chuck
kb4new
cswiger@widomaker.com

Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 10:26:06 -0500 (EST)
From: cswiger <cswiger@wilma.widomaker.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: R 1051 Light Bulbs
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.3.96.990226102327.29088B-100000@wilma.widomaker.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

> Having seen reports on here of the 1051 bulbs costing \$ 30 -- \$35 each,
>I wrote to Grimes Aerospace for a price. As of January, the bulbs are \$
>49.50 each. However, I believe that price includes shipping.

Cheesus - nice to see our tax dollars still hard at work.
My R-1051 is on 24x7x365 and couldn't care less about light bulbs :)
Better things to spend the \$\$ on.

Chuck
kb4new
cswiger@widomaker.com

Message-ID: <36D6CCA2.2AEA079B@idirect.com>
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 11:32:34 -0500
From: Jerry Proc <jproc@idirect.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: danaj@ibm.net
Subject: KW2000 Manual?
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello BA'ers,

I received a request from Dana Jensen in Vancouver (not a member of this group) for a repro for the KW Electronics, (Dartford England) KW2000 transceiver manual. If anyone on the list can help, please contact Dana directly at : danaj@ibm.net

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Thanks,
Jerry Proc
jproc@idirect.com

Message-Id: <199902261723.MAA19056@smtp1.mindspring.com>
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 10:37:32 +0100
Subject: Refurbishing headphones
From: "John Gibson" <gibsonj@mindspring.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

An excellent way to clean headphone magnets of iron filings is to push ductseal (modeling clay) on to them. It really gets into the cracks and cleans them

out.

I found a note in my file dating from a year ago that Modern Radio Labs, PO Box 14902, Minneapolis, MN 55414, had replacement tinsel Y cords. Perhaps someone local can check this out and let us know the results.

Hugh Gernsback had a simple test to see if your headphones are sensitive enough. You wear them in a quiet room and wet the phone tips and rub them together. You should easily hear a scratching noise in the headset. Most phones today have phone jacks so you have to connect a clip lead to the jack body and rub the other end of the clip lead to the wet jack tip.

John Gibson.

P.S. Anyone have a pair of sockets for acorn tubes they could bear to part with. Could buy or trade say a good 45 tube or original Surplus Radio Conversion Manual Vol 1 etc.

Message-Id: <199902261840.NAA29723@smtp0.mindspring.com>
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 11:56:10 +0100
Subject: Gernsback headphone test
From: "John Gibson" <gibsonj@mindspring.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Mime-version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

To clarify Hugh Gernsbacks headphone sensitivity test, it only works for high impedance phones and the wet phone tips have to be rubbed lightly to give an intermittent sliding contact.

John Gibson.

MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 14:00:49 -0500 (EST)
Subject: NATIONAL XCU/27 XTAL CAL PAPERWORK
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: JOHN_SEHRING.parti@ecunet.org (JOHN SEHRING)
Message-ID: <9902261400.aa04750@pcusa01.ecunet.org>

To: boatanchors@theporch.com

Someone on this list was looking for paper for a National XCU/27 1 MHz & 100 kHz xtal calibrator. I have it. Please email me direct.

-John Sehring (Thu, Mar 25, 1999 @ Custer SD USA) UCC WB2EQG
"Live long and prosper" --John 10:10b

Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 17:31:59 -0500
From: don merz <71333.144@compuserve.com>
Subject: BA Literature FS
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <199902261735_MC2-6C08-7FA@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
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Message-Id: <3.0.1.32.19990226235301.006c5f44@pop.ctv.es>
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 23:53:01 +0100
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "JOSE V. GAVILA (EB5AGV/EC5AAU)" <eb5agv@ctv.es>
Subject: HELP: 12TE9 tube
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hello!

I have received a query from a person visiting my WEB page about that tube (12TE9). Does anybody know anything about it?. Equivalences?. I have just found infor on the 12TE8.

Thanks!

JOSE

73 EB5AGV / EC5AAU
JOSE V. GAVILA
Ausias March 46, 15
46910 Benetusser - VALENCIA
SPAIN

*** VISIT MY VINTAGE RADIO SITE - updated 26-February-1999 ***
<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/6992/>
e-mail: eb5agv@ctv.es & eb5agv@amsat.org

Message-Id: <199902270203.UAA22647@sco.theporch.com>
Date: Fri, 26 Feb 1999 21:08:29 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

From: Glenn Finerman <glennfin@mjet.com>
Subject: Wanted Plea for Gonset
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hello fellow Anchorologists...

One of my sporadic wanted pleas follow.....

WANTED!! DEAD OR ALIVE!!!..

Gonset Commander or Commander II mobile HF transmitters.

When I was a very young lad growing up on Long Island,
I remember my dad owned one (he was a Tech so he must
have only used them on 6 meters).

Anybody have a Commander laying around they wouldn't
mind parting with?? I have some items to offer in trade if
interested..

Thank You...

73.....Glenn Finerman K2KL

glennfin@mjet.com

From: AviDov@aol.com
Message-ID: <486de179.36d7886b@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 27 Feb 1999 00:53:47 EST
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Subject: Fwd: BAer de Frankfort,KY Re:Lost Postal Money Order
Content-type: multipart/mixed;
boundary="part0_920094828_boundary"

This is a multi-part message in MIME format.

--part0_920094828_boundary
Content-ID: <0_920094828@inet_out.mail.aol.com.1>
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Correction of Heading:

Should read: BAer de Nashville,TN Re:Lost Dec.98 Postal Money Order

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--part0_920094828_boundary
Content-ID: <0_920094828@inet_out.mail.aol.com.2>
Content-type: message/rfc822
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit
Content-disposition: inline

From: AviDov@aol.com
Return-path: <AviDov@aol.com>
To: boatanchors@theporch.com
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From: Kargokult@aol.com
Message-ID: <e967cbbd.36d7af8d@aol.com>
Date: Sat, 27 Feb 1999 03:40:45 EST
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Subject: Re: Gernsback headphone test
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

In a message dated 99-02-26 13:41:05 EST,
gibsonj@mindspring.com writes:

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> be rubbed lightly to give an intermittent sliding contact.
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so what's going on here, to create the voltage in the 'phones? if the tip contacts were dissimilar metal, it would be easy, but they're not. (not really related, but to me, similarly interesting and puzzling: sometimes when i'm working on a HF receiver, and aligning it or measuring voltages or whatever, if i accidently tap a screwdriver against the chassis, or even against a nearby piece of metal, i hear a pop in

the speaker. has happened enuff that i know it's not just coincident with some random static that would be there regardless. and....the tool can have an insulated handle, so it's not just static discharge. has more to do with tiny spark created by the collision.
hue ka7lxy

From: mnhopkins@juno.com
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Sat, 27 Feb 1999 06:05:41 -0600
Subject: FMLA: A Reunion
Message-ID: <19990227.070942.-512527.0.MNHopkins@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For John T. Frye

"Tenns-Hut!" someone yelled from upstairs and Christie hopped to her penny-loafered feet. Frank followed her, so I did too, leaving only the new guy, who Frank met at a Boy Scout eagle court of honor, seated in our basement workshop.

Frank is my friend who wants to take back 56-60 mc with a Five Meter Liberation Army, and Christie is a bodyguard. She and a skinny kid I call the WARmon stay with Frank to see no one keeps him from his sideline of doing their communications work. They seldom entertain in, or even allow visitors to enter my basement, but this was a special occasion - to them at least.

The guy the WARmon ushered down the stairs looked like any other overweight guy in his late 50s to me. He was wearing a one piece jump suit and filling it up to about 260 to my eye, but Christie, who carries maybe 110 in her 5' 10' frame called him "general" and Frank greeted him warmly. I was introduced to one "General" Gerald Bishop, who nodded to me as he clasped Frank's outstretched hand.

"Frank, its been a long time since you visited Parvoo back before Kennedy decided to give the country to the Nig.....What IN HELL is HE doing here?"

General Jerry Bishop of the White Aryan Resistance was regarding one Carl Anderson, a lanky, bifocaled fellow in a three piece suit who was sitting on an old Collins case at the end of the workbench. "What's the matter, Carl?" he demanded of the calmly seated onlooker, "Run out of minorities to suck up to in Pennsylvania?"

At this Frank stepped between them and called in some favors, many of

which they both seemed to acknowledge they owed my dapper pal. Frank apologized for the staged meeting and said it was for a greater cause. He hoped they would let him explain. They deferred to Frank, as most everyone does, and he led them to another basement room where he uncovered an object so peculiar that I laughed out loud. I was alone in that.

The two former chums, now regional directors of WAR and the ACLU respectively, were captivated by a plywood insect. It was about a meter long and sat on a three-wheel carriage. The two smiled, although not at one another, as Frank told how he came on the device when he bought the contents of Parvoo College's EE Lab at the school's closing.

Frank planned to use the mechanized insect to lead a midnight parade for children at the next Dia De Los Muertos celebration at nearby Our Lady of Conspicuous Contrition. He reconstructed the motor of the mobile toy and found a latter day replacement for its burned out Delco LDR-25 photocell, but he was stumped, he admitted, by the fiber optic antennae. Since Carl and Jerry's names were inside, he asked them here to help the children.

The former friends were enchanted. They quickly took the insect apart and Carl's phenomenal ability to remember details complemented General Bishop's command of technique. Jerry was one of the early retirees in Texas Instrument's first wave of down sizing. In about an hour with Frank they had the Lightning Bug device following a child's pumpkin flashlight obediently, and they even consented to take a ritual sip of Mountain Dew soft drink when the work was done.

"What ever happened to that Jodi?" the general asked. "You know, the honeysuckle talking one we met in the heating pipe when she was sending Morse to her old man?"

"She's in Philadelphia playing with grand kids number two and three, but she's meeting me at our place in Florida Monday," Carl said. "You ever get down there?"

Frank and I and Christie and the WARmon saw them off in the general's 45-foot RV. He took the rebel flags off the front bumpers, signed them, and gave one to each of the bodyguards. Frank was staring at the back of the van as they drove away and I ventured, "I guess you've known them for a long time, huh?"

"Everybody use to know them," he said, "but I don't recall either of them having the call W9EGV."

*****Frank comes to Texas, Carl and Jerry go to Florida and Maj.

Armstrong disappears in a puff of smoke. All sorts of strange things have happened in 25 field reports on the FMLA. You never know what will happen next, but the first 25 stories will be archived somewhere before I go down into the basement to gather material for the 10 more I have promised to forward.*****

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